

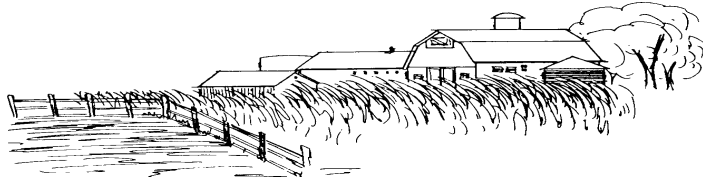


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### Utah Honey Production Up

**UTAH:** Utah's honey production in 2003 from producers with five or more colonies was 1.3 million pounds. This was 1 percent above the total production for 2002. The total number of colonies, at 23,000, was up 1,000 from the previous year. The average yield per colony was 57 pounds compared with 59 pounds in 2002. Stocks of honey on hand December 15 totaled 144,000 pounds, 64,000 pounds less than 2002. The average price of \$1.30 per pound was the same as the 2002 price. The 2003 honey crop is valued at \$1.7 million, up from \$1.7 million in 2002.

**UNITED STATES:** Honey production in 2003 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 181 million pounds, up 5 percent from 2002. There were 2.59 million colonies producing honey in 2003, up 1 percent from 2002. Yield per colony averaged 69.9 pounds, up 5 percent from the 66.7 pounds in 2002. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 40.7 million pounds on December 15, 2003, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.